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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 28, 2019

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Construction**

The County recently opened bids for the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial. Four bidders responded and all of the bids were over the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,886,600. The low bid was submitted by the Chasse Building Team at \$2,428,378.

I recommend the Board award the contract to the low bidder for the base bid only. I have had conversations with the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial Foundation's Board members and President who indicate they are able to raise additional funds to meet the construction cost low bid and, in addition, may make some minor modifications to the cost elements of the Memorial through value engineering. (See attached letter)

Hence, I believe it is appropriate the Board of Supervisors award the contract and proceed with construction of the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial such that it is fully completed on or before January 8, 2020.

I have asked our Procurement Department in cooperation with the Facilities Management Department to prepare the necessary contract documents for placement on the March 5, 2019 Board of Supervisors Addendum.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration  
Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management  
Mary Jo Furphy, Director, Procurement Department



Together We Thrive

February 27, 2019

Mr. C.H. Huckelberry  
Pima County Administrator  
Pima County Governmental Center  
130. W. Congress, Floor 10 Tucson, AZ 85701-1317

Dear Mr. Huckelberry,

On behalf of Tucson's January 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation, I am responding to your letter of February 20, 2019 and to confirm what we discussed recently regarding the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial.

First let me say how much the Foundation appreciates the support your staff have provided in the development and issuance of the request for construction bids. Now that the bids are in hand and the low bidder has been identified, we want to let you know what the Foundation will do to help address the higher construction costs that are contained in that bid.

Our community is currently experiencing a construction boom, which has resulted in bids that came in higher than the funds we raised and subsequently transferred to the County. In anticipation that the bids might come in high, the Foundation Board of Directors has discussed how we could address that problem should it arise.

Following the close of our fundraising campaign, we have received unsolicited donations. These funds and money we have set aside for the operation of the Foundation, amount to \$200,000. We will transfer these funds to the County to help cover the base construction bid, which came in higher than the budget estimate.

In response to your request that we confirm that we will receive additional donations to make up any difference between the construction cost estimate and the low bid before the end of the Memorial's construction, we are contacting donors to ask for contributions to the Foundation. We have received a very positive response so far and have more donors to contact. We fully intend to raise the additional money needed to cover the higher bid costs and we will get this done before the end of the Memorial construction. I will give you regular updates on our progress.

We support your proposal to have your staff review the line item bids with the project architect to determine if there are any cost savings that can be found in minor project design modifications. We ask that your staff keep us advised about any proposed project design modifications

The Foundation has contacted members of our Congressional delegation to request the submission of legislation that will establish the January 8<sup>th</sup> Memorial as a national memorial. I have been assured that this legislation will be introduced in the near future. I will advise you when the bill has been prepared and introduced.

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Thank you for directing your staff to prepare the documents, which will allow the construction award to be placed on the March 5, 2019 Board of Supervisors Agenda.

We will have Board representatives attend that meeting to answer any questions that might arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Barber". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "R" and a cursive "B".

Ron Barber  
President

Tucson's January 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation

C: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration  
Lisa Josker, Director Facilities Management